

# **Franconia Township**

**Town Board of Supervisors Meeting - Tuesday May 12,2020**

**Franconia Town Hall 25156 St. Croix Trail. N. Shafer, MN 55074**

## **Town Board Members Present**

Owen Kuhnly – Chairman

Dennis Gustafson – Vice-Chair

Sonny Sparby - Supervisor

Starsha Froberg – Clerk

Karen Anderson - Treasurer

Lee Cartier - Maintenance

## **Residents Present:**

Dan Omdahl            Angel Permaloff

Sarah Storlie         Steve Wagner

## **Call to Order:**

Chairman Owen Kuhnly called the Franconia Township monthly Town Board of Supervisors meeting to order at 7:00PM, May 12, 2020.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## **Approve Agenda:**

Dennis Gustafson made a motion to accept the agenda with the additions of; Resident Steve Wagner as well as, Township Tractor and Town Hall Sewer System. Owen Kuhnly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **Approval of Previous Minutes:**

Dennis Gustafson made a motion to accept the minutes from Franconia Town Board of Supervisors Meeting on April 14,2020. Sonny Sparby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dennis Gustafson made a motion to accept the minutes from Franconia Town Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting on April 23,2020. Sonny Sparby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **Board Member Reports:**

### **Treasurer:**

Karen Anderson presented to the board claim numbers #1096 through #1122, and payroll checks #13040 through # 13402 to be submitted for approval.

Dennis Gustafson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, payroll and claims.

Sonny Sparby seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

### **Engineer:**

Clerk Froberg read aloud the Engineer's report prepared for the meeting by Jake Guzik.

Chairman Kuhnly made a motion to include an additional \$4,000 to cover the cost of extra patching on 260<sup>th</sup> Street. Sonny Sparby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board members discussed receiving quotes to make repairs to Olympic Trail. Sonny Sparby made a motion to postpone making a decision on this topic. Owen Kuhnly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Franconia Township Supervisors will be reviewing drone footage of the beaver dam located on Quinlan. The board will discuss which actions to take to remedy the drainage issue at the next posted meeting.

### **Maintenance:**

Lee updated the Board on current grading, sweeping intersections and blacktop patching projects.

Lee Cartier presented to the board his concern of resident, Steve Wagner hiring a contractor to bring in fill, to soften the slopes surrounding his home. The total amount of fill to be hauled in, and on Olympic Trail would amount to near 100 loads at its capacity of 7 ton per load His concern is the road would be ruined, however the road is posted 7 tons and the truck are within legal weight limits. Town supervisors agree that the resident is operating within his legal rights and may proceed with the project of hauling fill into his residence to soften the slopes around his house.

Lee Cartier discussed measures he was taking to reduce the dust on North Quinlan. Cartier also temporarily installed "NO THRU TRUCKS" signage as well as reposting the tonnage limit to 5 to reduce the amount of large trucks using the road while Pleasant Valley is under construction.

Board members reviewed quotes Lee obtained for the town hall septic repairs. Dennis Gustafson made a motion to award the septic repair project to Smilies Sewer for \$2,100. Owen Kuhnly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dennis Gustafson made a motion to accept the quote from Frontier Ag & Terf for \$61,450.00 to trade in the current tractor and purchase a new tractor. Owen Kuhnly seconded the motion Delivery date set tentatively for November 2020.

**Clerk:**

Township Recycle Day is scheduled Saturday, June 6 from 8am to noon. Residents may bring scrap metal to recycle for free and other household items to dispose of for a fee.

**New Business**

Resident Broadband Advocate, Dan Omdahl came before the board with Angel Permaloff to give an update on the status of the broad band initiative in Franconia Township. Other funding options may be available, once more information is given to

the Franconia Township Communication Committee, they will continue to keep the town supervisors informed.

Supervisor Dennis Gustafson made a motion to approve a temporary liquor license to Franconia Sculpture Garden for an event on July 11, 2020.

Township Supervisors discussed various town hall repairs. Lee Cartier will obtain electrical and concrete quotes for discussed repairs.

**Old Business:**

Franconia Township Road Tour is scheduled for Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Supervisors will visit areas of concern.

Resident town hall use was approved for Brian Linde on June 6 at 1pm.

A motion made by Dennis Gustafson to adjourn the May Regular Town Board of Supervisors Meeting at 9:24 pm o'clock p.m. was seconded by Sonny Sparby. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Owen Kuhnly - Chairman

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Starsha Froberg - Clerk